

HOUSE RESOLUTION 323
By Gresham

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Alese B. Blackwood.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Alese B. Blackwood, a lifelong resident of Fayette County who had recently moved to Collierville; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwood was an exemplary community servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born on July 2, 1930, in Fayette County, she was the daughter of the late Oscar Lennox Blalock and the late Willie Sue Whitley Blalock; and

WHEREAS, educated in the public schools of Fayette County, she was a Secretary for J.T. Greer Insurance Company as a young woman and also served with acumen and alacrity as Deputy Register of Deeds during her father's tenure as Register; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, Mrs. Blackwood assisted in the formation of First State Bank in Somerville, which would later become Union Planters Bank; for twenty-seven years, she served the Bank with diligence, professionalism, and integrity, earning much respect for the exemplary quality of her work; she retired from her duties as Vice President in 1990; and

WHEREAS, her professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Blackwood was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, she enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, Jimmie C. Blackwood, for many wonderful years after joining him in holy matrimony on September 28, 1946; she was the devoted mother of two daughters, Brenda Blackwood Keller and Beverly Blackwood Smith, and two sons, Judge Jon Kerry Blackwood and William Steven Blackwood, and the proud grandmother of four; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mrs. Blackwood was a member of Somerville United Methodist Church, where she was active in numerous church activities and had served faithfully as Church Treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blackwood leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Alese B. Blackwood, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character as a banker, her many contributions to the common good in Fayette County, and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Blackwood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.